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SERIOUS CRIME IN RHODE ISLAND: 1987

SUMMARIZING STATISTICS FOR:

- ARSON
- ASSAULT
- BURGLARY
- HOMICIDE
- LARCENY
- MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
- RAPE
- ROBBERY

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FOREWORD

For the second consecutive year, serious crime in Rhode Island increased. The increase, +10.3%, is the highest percentage upswing since 1979, when crime rose by exactly 10%. However, the overall amount of serious crimes—53,442 is less than the highest amount of crime that occurred early in the decade, when the year 1980 resulted in 57,789 serious crimes.

Property crimes slightly outpaced violent crimes in growth again, perhaps lending credence to the theory that drug abuse-support habits are a direct link to increased property crimes. The GJC/SAC also has separate annual arrests records/statistics which parallel the aforementioned growth trend.

Further, in the always critical category of violent (person) crimes area, three of four offenses increased, notably homicide, rape and assault. Robbery was the only violent crime offense that displayed a decrease. All property (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) crimes with the exception of arson, increased substantially during 1987; the highest being assault, which rose 19%.

Specifically, this report summarizes crime for the state as a whole and for each city/town, State and Park Police, and URI reporting jurisdictions.

RAPE: STATUS UPDATE

Continued concern should perhaps again be directed towards the rape crime category. The 1987 result, close to a 19% increase, is the highest amount of rapes reported to the law enforcement sector in over ten years. Moreover, as has been the case in recent years, the Rhode Island Rape Crisis Center reported many more rapes; they reported that 595 sexual assaults took place in Rhode Island. Percentage-wise, there is a difference of slightly more than 100% between the two reporting bodies.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE NATIONAL/UCR REDESIGN PROGRAM

As noted in our previous Serious Crime/UCR reports, the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program provides a nationwide view of crime based on the cooperative efforts of over 16,000 city, county, and state law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. The remainder of this section will address itself to the proposed UCR Redsign (i.e., modification, changes, etc.) Program.

The proposed new UCR program differs from the existing one in two fundamental ways. First, rather than sending only monthly summary statistics to the National Program, state or local agencies will submit individual records for each incident and each arrest that occurred during the month. This conversion to unit record reporting provides the flexibility that is needed to incorporate additional data elements into the system, and it will enhance the accuracy and usefulness of UCR data. Second, two levels of reporting will be established: most contributors will provide basic offense and arrest information similar to that currently reported, while a comparatively small sample of agencies will report much more extensive information. All large agencies will be expected to participate in the second reporting level, together with a nationally representative sample of smaller agencies.

In order to systematize and test the new UCR design, a pilot demonstration program was conducted with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. This pilot operation ran for seven months, ending in September, 1987. Several changes resulted from this pilot, and changes continue to be identified and analyzed for inclusion in the redesign. As such, a finalized version of the implementation guidelines will not be available until on or about August, 1988.

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SECTION 1

SUMMARY STATISTICS & COMPARISON PROFILES

SERIOUS CRIME- A SUMMARY, 1986 vs. 1987

THE CRIME	(# OF OFFENSES) 1986	1987	R.I. % CHANGE	U.S.* % CHANGE
HOMICIDE [Murder, Manslaughter]	33	37	+12.1%	-3%
RAPE	208	247	+18.8%	N/C
ROBBERY [Breaking & Entering]	1,158	1,066	-7.9%	-5%
ASSAULT	1,859	2,212	+19.0%	+3%
BURGLARY	12,542	14,078	+12.2%	N/C
LARCENY [Theft]	24,861	26,843	+8.0%	+3%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	6,858	8,032	+17.2%	+5%
Sub-totals	47,519	52,515	+10.5%	+2%
ARSON	935	923	-1.28%	N/A
Totals	48,454	53,438	+10.3%	+2%

N/C = No Change
N/A = Not Available

VIOLENT VS. NON-VIOLENT CRIME

PERSON (VIOLENT) CRIMES:

CRIME	1986	1987	Total % Change
HOMICIDE	33	37	
RAPE	208	247	
ROBBERY	1,158	1,066	
ASSAULT	1,859	2,212	
TOTALS	3,258	3,562	+9.3%

PROPERTY (NON-VIOLENT) CRIMES:

CRIME	1986	1987	Total % Change
BURGLARY	12,542	978	
LARCENY	24,861	26,844	
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	6,858	8,035	
SUB-TOTALS	44,261	48,957	+10.6%
ARSON	935	923	
TOTALS	45,196	49,880	+10.4%

HOW THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE COMPARED WITH THE NATIONAL CRIME. . .

...Rates[1/] Per 100,000 Population

CRIME	UNITED STATES[2/]	RHODE ISLAND[2/]	THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE[2/]
HOMICIDE	8	4	13
RAPE	37	261	63
ROBBERY	213	113	469
ASSAULT	351	234	575
BURGLARY	1,330	1,487	3,507
LARCENY	3,081	2,835	5,171
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	529	848	2,483
ARSON [3/]	-	97	238
TOTAL CRIME INDEX	5,550	5,643 [4/]	12,280 [5/]

1/ Year 1987 Rates

2/ All numbers rounded

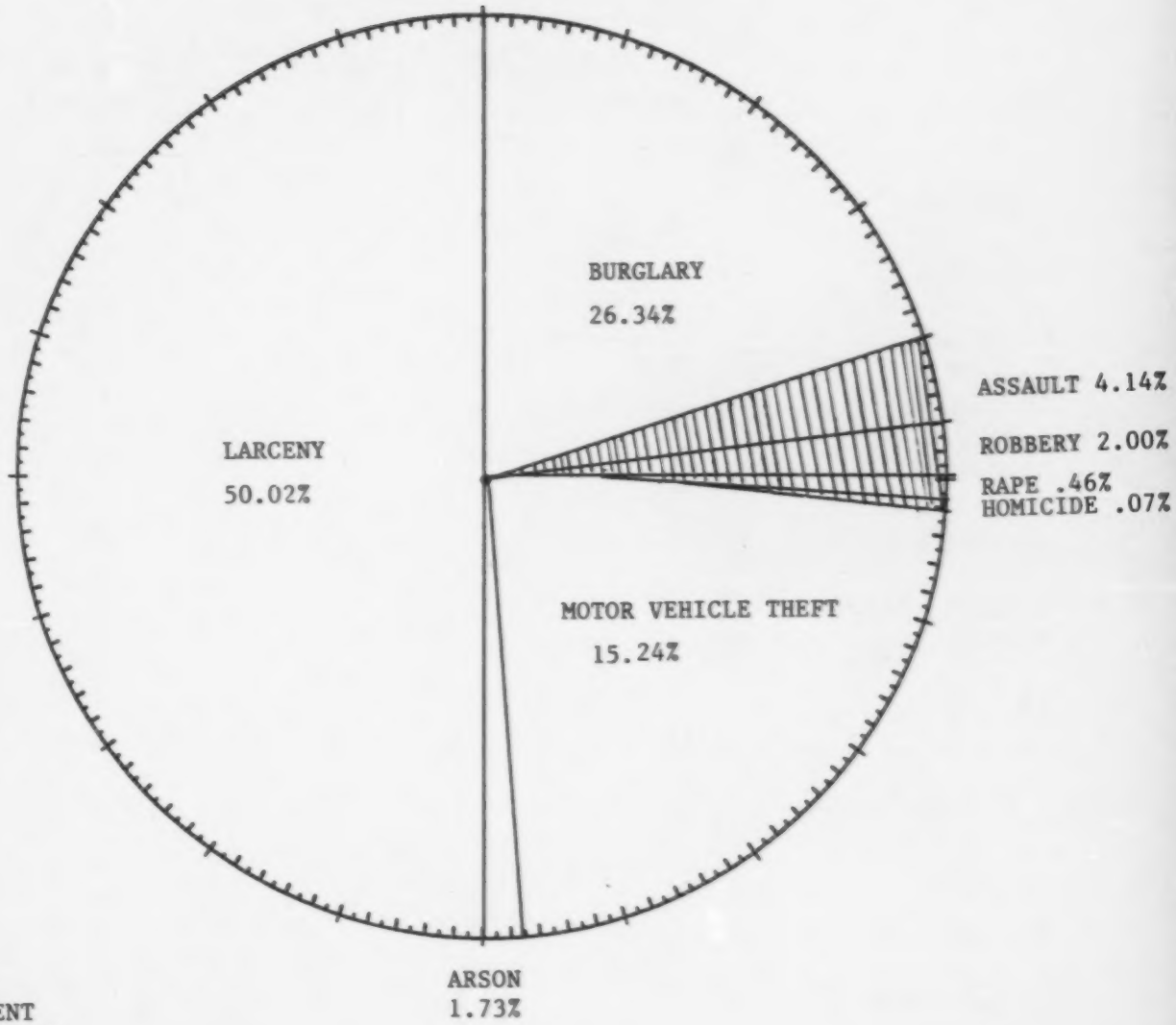
3/ No U.S. Arson rates available

4/ Result is 2% more than U.S. Rate

5/ Result is 121% more than U.S. and 118% more than R.I. Rates

DISTRIBUTION OF SERIOUS CRIMES IN RHODE ISLAND

1987



(PERCENT OF TOTAL)

Non-Violent Crimes

Violent Crimes

SERIOUS CRIMES: COMPARISON ANALYSIS

1978 - 1987 (TEN YEAR TRENDS)

CRIMINAL OFFENSE	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Homicide	49	40	52	44	37	32	38	36	33	37
Rape	92	129	159	167	185	157	211	244	208	247
Robbery	899	998	1,127	1,258	1,095	1,077	1,091	1,119	1,158	1,066
Assault	1,870	2,176	2,575	2,721	2,505	2,221	1,883	1,929	1,859	2,212
Burglary	12,627	14,123	16,289	15,747	13,399	12,720	11,385	11,907	12,542	14,078
Larceny	24,697	27,740	28,110	27,545	27,057	25,375	24,645	24,028	24,861	26,843
Motor Vehicle Theft	7,414	7,262	8,011	8,222	7,048	6,232	6,636	6,303	6,858	8,032
SubTotals	47,648	52,468	56,323	55,704	51,326	47,814	45,889	45,566	47,519	52,515
Arson	*	*	1,466	1,360	1,109	910	714	937	935	923
Totals	--	--	57,789	57,064	52,435	48,724	46,603	46,503	48,454	53,438
% Change	-4.6%	+10.1%	+7.4%	-1.3%	-5.9%	-7.1%	-4.4%	-0.2%	+4.2%	+10.3%

* *No Statistics Available. Arson was a Part II Crime at the Time*

COUNTY
SERIOUS CRIME DISTRIBUTION
1986 VS. 1987 RESULTS [1/]

County	1986 Serious Crimes	1987 Serious Crimes	% Change	County Population [2/]	% Of Population
Bristol	1,063	1,130	+.6%	46,942	50.0%
Kent	6,969	8,080	+15.9%	154,163	16.3%
Newport	3,834	3,959	+3.3%	81,383	8.6%
Providence	31,954	35,701	+11.7%	571,349	60.3%
Washington	3,699	3,645	-1.5%	93,317	9.8%
Totals	**47,519**	**52,515**	**+10.5%**	**947,154**	--

1/ Arson Statistics Not Included
2/ R.I. Final 1980 Population Count(s) - U. S. Bureau of Census

TYPE OF FORCE USED WHILE COMMITTING A VIOLENT CRIME

	PERCENT TO TOTAL			
HOMICIDE	**1986**	**%**	**1987**	**%**
Gun	16	49%	14	38%
Knife	7	21%	14	38%
Other Dangerous Weapon	3	9%	2	5%
Hands, Fist, Feet	7	21%	7	19%
TOTALS	33		37	
RAPE				
Gun	7	3%	4	2%
Knife	13	7%	10	4%
Other Dangerous Weapon	11	5%	11	4%
Hands, Fist, Feet	177	85%	222	90%
TOTALS	208		247	
ROBBERY				
Gun	205	18%	210	20%
Knife	166	14%	168	16%
Other Dangerous Weapon	110	10%	97	9%
Strong Arm	677	58%	591	55%
TOTALS	1,158		1,066	
ASSAULT				
Gun	269	14%	301	14%
Knife	446	24%	452	20%
Other Dangerous Weapon	849	46%	1,127	51%
Hands, Fist, Feet	295	16%	332	15%
TOTALS	1,859		2,212	

HOMICIDE:
SPECIFIC DATA
1987

WEAPON	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Gun	14	38%
Knife	14	38%
Other Lethal Methods	2	5%
Hands, Fist, Feet, etc.	7	19%
TOTAL	37	100%

RAPE:
SPECIFIC DATA
1987

RAPE BY FORCE

WEAPON	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Gun	4	2%
Knife	7	4%
Other Lethal Methods	8	4%
Hands, Fist, Feet, etc.	178	90%
TOTAL	197	100%

RAPE BY ASSAULT

Gun	0	0%
Knife	3	6%
Other Lethal Methods	3	6%
Hands, Fist, Feet, etc.	44	88%
TOTAL	50	100%

ROBBERY:
SPECIFIC DATA
1987

WEAPON	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Gun	210	20%
Knife	168	16%
Other Lethal Weapon	97	9%
Strong Armed	591	55%
TOTAL	1,066	100%

LOCATION OF ROBBERY

Highway	583	55%
Commercial House	89	8%
Gas/Service Station	38	4%
Chain Store	109	10%
Residence	142	13%
Bank	11	1%
Miscellaneous	94	9%
TOTAL	1,066	100%

BURGLARY:
SPECIFIC DATA
1987

TYPES AND TIMES OF BURGLARY

BREAKING AND ENTERING	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Forcible Entry	11,171	78%
Unlawful Entry	1,852	13%
Attempted Forcible Entry	1,267	9%
TOTAL	14,290	100%
RESIDENCE		
Night	3,796	27%
Day	4,480	31%
Unknown	2,006	14%
NON-RESIDENCE		
Night	3,134	22%
Day	250	2%
Unknown	624	4%
TOTAL	14,290	100%

LARCENY:
SPECIFIC DATA
1987

TYPE OF LARCENY	INCIDENTS	% TO TOTAL
Pocket Picking	68	.3%
Purse Snatching	439	2%
Shoplifting	3,511	13%
From Motor Vehicles	5,546	21%
Motor Vehicle Parts	5,781	21%
Bicycles	1,706	6%
From Buildings	4,646	17%
Coin Operated Machines	262	1%
Other	5,015	19%
TOTAL	26,974	100%

Rhode Island - 1987 Part I Crimes

Number of Offenses* Reported

Reporting Jurisdiction	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Total per Jurisdiction
Barrington	0	0	1	11	48	215	9	284
Bristol	0	3	3	34	166	223	14	443
Warren	0	3	3	10	60	186	26	288
Coventry	0	1	5	22	252	588	39	907
East Greenwich	0	2	6	7	109	161	13	298
Warwick	1	30	24	353	951	3,213	983	5,555
West Warwick	1	4	10	28	291	648	109	1,091
West Greenwich	0	0	0	1	47	57	9	114
Jamestown	0	0	0	2	32	50	2	86
Middletown	0	8	6	36	141	503	44	738
Newport	1	10	35	51	457	1,555	182	2,291
Portsmouth	0	0	0	0	60	134	26	220
Tiverton	0	0	4	5	157	231	35	432
Little Compton	0	0	0	1	20	50	5	76
Central Falls	1	2	11	37	269	221	104	645
Cranston	3	19	50	137	904	1,722	452	3,287
Cumberland	0	0	2	20	167	519	76	784
East Providence	0	2	21	38	390	948	192	1,591
Johnston	1	2	8	32	413	728	230	1,414
Lincoln	0	0	0	1	166	549	229	945
North Providence	2	11	10	45	389	623	224	1304
Pawtucket	1	5	75	183	967	1,563	500	3294
Providence	21	98	735	901	5,499	8,109	3,893	19,256
Scituate	1	0	0	8	63	78	9	159
Smithfield	0	3	6	10	96	114	53	282
Woonsocket	1	15	28	100	554	852	194	1,744
Foster	0	0	2	2	21	36	3	64
Glocester	2	0	0	9	58	91	9	169
North Smithfield	0	0	0	11	116	145	24	296
Burrillville	0	0	1	6	103	104	20	234
Narragansett	0	4	1	7	209	387	32	640
North Kingstown	0	2	4	46	277	504	45	878
South Kingstown	0	1	2	3	171	380	30	587
Westerly	0	1	8	3	204	448	43	707
Hopkinton	0	0	2	2	91	83	10	188
Charlestown	0	0	0	1	31	46	1	79
New Shoreham	0	2	0	0	20	156	14	192
State Police	1	18	3	44	165	271	75	577
DEM	0	1	0	5	12	167	2	187
URI	0	0	0	0	33	186	40	259
TOTALS	37	247	1,068	2,212	14,078	26,843	8,032	52,515

*Arson Statistics not Included - See Section IV

RHODE ISLAND'S CITIES & TOWNS
COMPARISON PROFILES
1986 vs. 1987
(LISTED BY COUNTY)

BRISTOL COUNTY

BARRINGTON (Pop. 16,174)*			1986	vs.	1987	% Change
Homicide	-	No Change	0		0	
Rape	-	Decreased by 1	1		0	
Robbery	-	Decreased by 1	2		1	
Assault	-	Increased by 6	5		11	
Burglary	-	Increased by 1	47		48	
Larceny	-	Decreased by 46	261		215	
Mot.Veh.Theft	-	Decreased by 1	10		9	
			326		284	-12.9%

BRISTOL (Pop. 20,128)						
Homicide	-	No Change	0		0	
Rape	-	Increased by 2	1		3	
Robbery	-	No Change	3		3	
Assault	-	Increased by 18	16		34	
Burglary	-	Increased by 43	123		166	
Larceny	-	Decreased by 46	269		223	
Mot.Veh.Theft	-	Decreased by 14	28		14	
			440		443	+.7%

WARREN (Pop. 10,640)						
Homicide	-	No Change	0		0	
Rape	-	Decreased by 1	4		3	
Robbery	-	Increased by 3	0		3	
Assault	-	Increased by 7	3		10	
Burglary	-	Increased by 5	55		60	
Larceny	-	Decreased by 25	211		186	
Mot.Veh.Theft	-	Increased by 2	24		26	
			297		288	-3.0%

KENT COUNTY

COVENTRY (Pop. 27,065)						
Homicide	-	Decreased by 1	1		0	
Rape	-	No change	1		1	
Robbery	-	Decreased by 2	7		5	
Assault	-	Increased by 13	9		22	
Burglary	-	Increased by 64	188		252	
Larceny	-	Decreased by 92	680		588	
Mot. Veh.Theft	-	Decreased by 4	43		39	
			929		907	-2.4%

*R.I. Final 1980 Population Count(s) - U. S. Bureau of Census

EAST GREENWICH (Pop. 10,211)			1986	vs.	1987	% Change
Homicide	-	No change	0		0	
Rape	-	Increased by 2	0		2	
Robbery	-	Increased by 5	1		6	
Assault	-	Increased by 3	4		7	
Burglary	-	Increased by 41	68		109	
Larceny	-	Increased by 23	138		161	
Mot.Veh.Theft	-	Increased by 3	10		13	
			221		298	+34.8%

WARWICK (Pop. 87,123)						
Homicide	-	No change	1		1	
Rape	-	Increased by 12	18		30	
Robbery	-	Decreased by 1	25		24	
Assault	-	Increased by 223	130		353	
Burglary	-	Increased by 32	919		951	
Larceny	-	Increased by 343	2,870		3,213	
Mot.Veh.Theft	-	Increased by 176	807		983	
			4,770		5,555	+16.5%

WEST GREENWICH (Pop. 2,738)						
Homicide	-	No change	0		0	
Rape	-	Decreased by 1	1		0	
Robbery	-	No change	0		0	
Assault	-	No change	1		1	
Burglary	-	Decreased by 4	51		47	
Larceny	-	Decreased by 5	62		57	
Mot.Veh.Theft	-	Increased by 7	2		9	
			117		114	-2.6%

WEST WARWICK (Pop. 27,026)						
Homicide	-	Decreased by 1	2		1	
Rape	-	Increased by 3	1		4	
Robbery	-	Increased by 6	4		10	
Assault	-	Decreased by 17	45		28	
Burglary	-	Increased by 78	213		291	
Larceny	-	Increased by 53	595		648	
Mot.Veh.Theft	-	Increased by 37	72		109	
			932		1,091	+17.1%

NEWPORT COUNTY

JAMESTOWN (Pop.4,040)		1986	vs.	1987	% Change
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- No change	0		0	
Robbery	- No change	0		0	
Assault	- Increased by 1	1		2	
Burglary	- Increased by 8	24		32	
Larceny	- Decreased by 1	51		50	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 2	0		2	
		76		86	+13.2%
LITTLE COMPTON (Pop. 3,085)					
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- No change	0		0	
Robbery	- Decreased by 1	1		0	
Assault	- Increased by 1	0		1	
Burglary	- Decreased by 15	35		20	
Larceny	- Decreased by 8	58		50	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 4	1		5	
		95		76	-20.0%
MIDDLETOWN (Pop. 17,216)					
Homicide	- No change	0		07	
Rape	- Increased by 3	5		8	
Robbery	- Decreased by 2	8		6	
Assault	- Increased by 28	8		36	
Burglary	- Decreased by 19	160		141	
Larceny	- Increased by 53	450		503	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Decreased by 10	54		44	
		683		738	+8.1%
NEWPORT (Pop. 29,259)					
Homicide	- No change	1		1	
Rape	- Decreased by 1	11		10	
Robbery	- Decreased by 4	39		35	
Assault	- Decreased by 5	56		51	
Burglary	- Increased by 5	452		457	
Larceny	- Decreased by 25	1,580		1,555	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Decreased by 11	193		182	
		2,332		2,291	-1.8%
PORTSMOUTH (Pop. 14,257)					
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- No change	0		0	
Robbery	- Decreased by 1	1		0	
Assault	- No change	0		0	
Burglary	- Decreased by 27	87		60	
Larceny	- Decreased by 21	155		134	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 8	18		26	
		261		220	-15.7%

TIVERTON (Pop. 13,526)		1986	vs.	1987	% Change
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- Decreased by 1	1		0	
Robbery	- Increased by 3	1		4	
Assault	- Increased by 1	4		5	
Burglary	- Increased by 5	152		157	
Larceny	- Increased by 48	183		231	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Decreased by 9	44		35	
		385		432	+12.2%

PROVIDENCE COUNTY

BURRILLVILLE (Pop. 13,164)					
Homicide	- No change	1		0	
Rape	- Decreased by 1	1		0	
Robbery	- No change	1		1	
Assault	- Decreased by 1	7		6	
Burglary	- Increased by 36	67		103	
Larceny	- Decreased by 46	150		104	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 7	13		20	
		239		234	-2.1%

CENTRAL FALLS (Pop. 16,995)					
Homicide	- Increase by 1	0		1	
Rape	- Increased by 1	1		2	
Robbery	- Decreased by 1	12		11	
Assault	- Decreased by 1	38		37	
Burglary	- Increased by 63	206		269	
Larceny	- Increased by 34	187		221	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 24	80		104	
		524		645	+23.1%

CRANSTON (Pop. 71,992)					
Homicide	- Increased by 2	1		3	
Rape	- Increased by 16	3		19	
Robbery	- Increased by 8	42		50	
Assault	- Increased by 57	80		137	
Burglary	- Increased by 114	790		904	
Larceny	- Decreased by 67	1,789		1,722	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Decreased by 37	489		452	
		3,194		3,287	+2.9%

CUMBERLAND (Pop. 27,069)					
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- No change	0		0	
Robbery	- Decreased by 1	3		2	
Assault	- Increased by 14	6		20	
Burglary	- Increased by 68	99		167	
Larceny	- Increased by 52	467		519	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 27	49		76	
		624		784	+25.6%

EAST PROVIDENCE (Pop. 50,980)		1986	vs.	1987	% Change
Homicide	- Decreased by 1	1		0	
Rape	- Decreased by 2	4		2	
Robbery	- Increased by 10	11		21	
Assault	- Decreased by 8	46		38	
Burglary	- Decreased by 16	406		390	
Larceny	- Increased by 11	937		948	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 18	174		192	
		1,579		1,591	+.7%
FOSTER (Pop. 3,370)					
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- No change	0		0	
Robbery	- No change	2		2	
Assault	- Increased by 2	0		2	
Burglary	- Decreased by 10	31		21	
Larceny	- Decreased by 7	43		36	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Decreased by 4	7		3	
		83		64	-22.9%
GLOCESTER (Pop. 7,550)					
Homicide	- Increased by 2	0		2	
Rape	- No change	0		0	
Robbery	- Decreased by 1	1		0	
Assault	- Increased by 9	0		9	
Burglary	- Decreased by 31	89		58	
Larceny	- Increased by 22	69		91	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 3	6		9	
		165		169	+2.4%
JOHNSTON (Pop. 24,907)					
Homicide	- No change	1		1	
Rape	- Increased by 2	0		2	
Robbery	- Decreased by 9	17		8	
Assault	- Increased by 1	31		32	
Burglary	- Decreased by 84	497		413	
Larceny	- Increased by 67	661		728	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Decreased by 18	248		230	
		1,455		1,414	-2.8%
LINCOLN (Pop. 16,949)					
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- Decreased by 2	2		0	
Robbery	- Decreased by 3	3		0	
Assault	- No change	1		1	
Burglary	- Increased by 11	155		166	
Larceny	- Increased by 123	426		549	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 1	228		229	
		815		945	+15.6%

NORTH PROVIDENCE (Pop. 29,188)		1986	vs.	1987	% Change
Homicide	- Increased by 2	0		2	
Rape	- Increased by 7	4		11	
Robbery	- Increased by 8	2		10	
Assault	- Increased by 16	29		45	
Burglary	- Increased by 94	295		389	
Larceny	- Increased by 172	451		623	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 52	172		224	
		953		1,304	+36.8%
NORTH SMITHFIELD (Pop. 9,972)					
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- Decreased by 1	1		0	
Robbery	- No change	0		0	
Assault	- Decreased by 5	16		11	
Burglary	- Increased by 43	73		116	
Larceny	- Decrased by 2	147		145	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 2	22		24	
		259		296	+14.3%
PAWTUCKET (Pop. 71,204)					
Homicide	- Decreased by 2	3		1	
Rape	- Decreased by 7	12		5	
Robbery	- Increased by 2	73		75	
Assault	- Increased by 16	167		183	
Burglary	- Decreased by 170	1,137		967	
Larceny	- Decreased by 55	1,618		1,563	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 76	424		500	
		3,434		3,294	-4.1%
PROVIDENCE (Pop. 156,804)					
Homicide	- Increased by 3	18		21	
Rape	- Increased by 15	83		98	
Robbery	- Decreased by 125	860		735	
Assault	- Decreased by 35	936		901	
Burglary	- Increased by 1,007	4,492		5,499	
Larceny	- Increased by 1,018	7,091		8,109	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 688	3,205		3,893	
		16,685		19,256	+15.4%

SCITUATE (Pop. 8,405)			1986	vs.	1987	% Change
Homicide	-	Increased by 1	0		1	
Rape	-	No change	0		0	
Robbery	-	No change	0		0	
Assault	-	Increased by 7	1		8	
Burglary	-	Decreased by 10	73		63	
Larceny	-	Decreased by 19	97		78	
Mot.Veh.Theft	-	Decreased by 3	12		9	
			183		159	-13.1%
SMITHFIELD (Pop. 16,886)						
Homicide	-	No change	0		0	
Rape	-	Increased by 1	2		3	
Robbery	-	Increased by 5	1		6	
Assault	-	Decreased by 1	11		10	
Burglary	-	Increased by 1	95		96	
Larceny	-	Increased by 23	91		114	
Mot.Veh.Theft	-	Increased by 9	44		53	
			244		282	+15.6%
WOONSOCKET (Pop. 45,914)						
Homicide	-	Increased by 1	0		1	
Rape	-	Decreased by 3	18		15	
Robbery	-	Increased by 3	25		28	
Assault	-	Increased by 5	95		100	
Burglary	-	Increased by 114	440		554	
Larceny	-	Increased by 52	800		852	
Mot.Veh.Theft	-	Increased by 54	140		194	
			1,518		1,744	+14.9%
WASHINGTON COUNTY						
CHARLESTOWN (Pop. 4,800)						
Homicide	-	No change	0		0	
Rape	-	No change	0		0	
Robbery	-	No change	0		0	
Assault	-	Increased by 1	0		1	
Burglary	-	Decreased by 13	44		31	
Larceny	-	Decreased by 5	51		46	
Mot.Veh.Theft	-	Decreased by 2	3		1	
			98		79	-19.8%

HOPKINTON (Pop. 6,406)		1986	vs.	1987	% Change
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- No change	0		0	
Robbery	- Increased by 2	0		2	
Assault	- Increased by 1	1		2	
Burglary	- Increased by 47	44		91	
Larceny	- Increased by 1	82		83	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- No change	10		10	
		137		188	+37.2%
NARRAGANSETT (Pop. 12,088)					
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- Increased by 3	1		4	
Robbery	- No change	1		1	
Assault	- Decreased by 8	15		7	
Burglary	- Decreased by 17	226		209	
Larceny	- Increased by 40	347		387	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Decreased by 3	35		32	
		625		640	+2.5%
NEW SHOREHAM (Pop. 620)					
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- Decreased by 2	4		2	
Robbery	- No change	0		0	
Assault	- No change	0		0	
Burglary	- Increased by 5	15		20	
Larceny	- Increased by 51	105		156	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 1	13		14	
		137		192	+40.1%
NORTH KINGSTOWN (Pop. 21,938)					
Homicide	- Decreased by 1	1		0	
Rape	- No change	2		2	
Robbery	- Increased by 3	1		4	
Assault	- Increased by 22	24		46	
Burglary	- Increased by 42	235		277	
Larceny	- Increased by 104	400		504	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 1	44		45	
		707		878	+24.2%

SOUTH KINGSTOWN (Pop. 20,414)		1986	vs.	1987	% Change
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- Decreased by 1	2		1	
Robbery	- Increased by 1	1		2	
Assault	- Decreased by 2	5		3	
Burglary	- Increased by 62	109		171	
Larceny	- Decreased by 4	384		380	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 5	25		30	
		526		587	+9.9%

WESTERLY (Pop. 18,580)					
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- Decreased by 1	2		1	
Robbery	- Increased by 7	1		8	
Assault	- Decreased by 2	5		3	
Burglary	- Increased by 71	133		204	
Larceny	- Increased by 125	323		448	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 8	35		43	
		499		707	+41.7%

STATEWIDE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- Increased by 1	0		1	
Robbery	- No change	0		0	
Assault	- Decreased by 2	7		5	
Burglary	- Decreased by 8	20		12	
Larceny	- Decreased by 2	169		167	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Decreased by 4	6		2	
		202		187	-7.4%

STATE POLICE

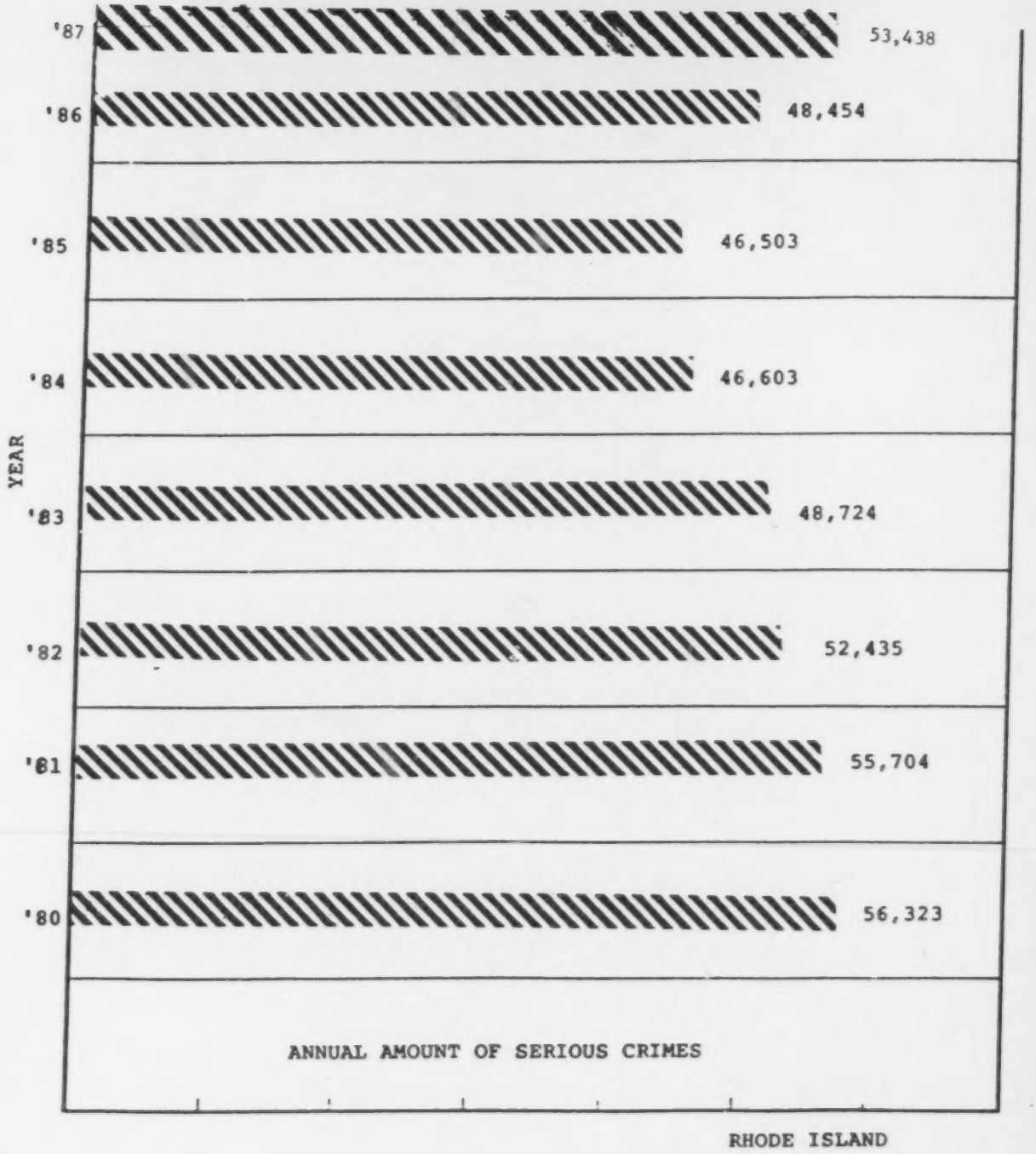
Homicide	- Decreased by 2	3		1	
Rape	- Decreased by 2	20		18	
Robbery	- Decreased by 5	8		3	
Assault	- Decreased by 12	56		44	
Burglary	- Increased by 12	153		165	
Larceny	- Increased by 38	233		271	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 17	58		75	
		531		577	+8.7%

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND		1986	vs.	1987	Change
Homicide	- No change	0		0	
Rape	- Decreased by 2	2		0	
Robbery	- Decreased by 1	1		0	
Assault	- No change	0		0	
Burglary	- Decreased by 11	44		33	
Larceny	- Increased by 6	180		186	
Mot.Veh.Theft	- Increased by 30	10		40	
		237		259	+9.3%

SECTION II

CRIME TRENDS

THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF SERIOUS CRIMES IN RHODE ISLAND: A PROFILE OF THE DECADE



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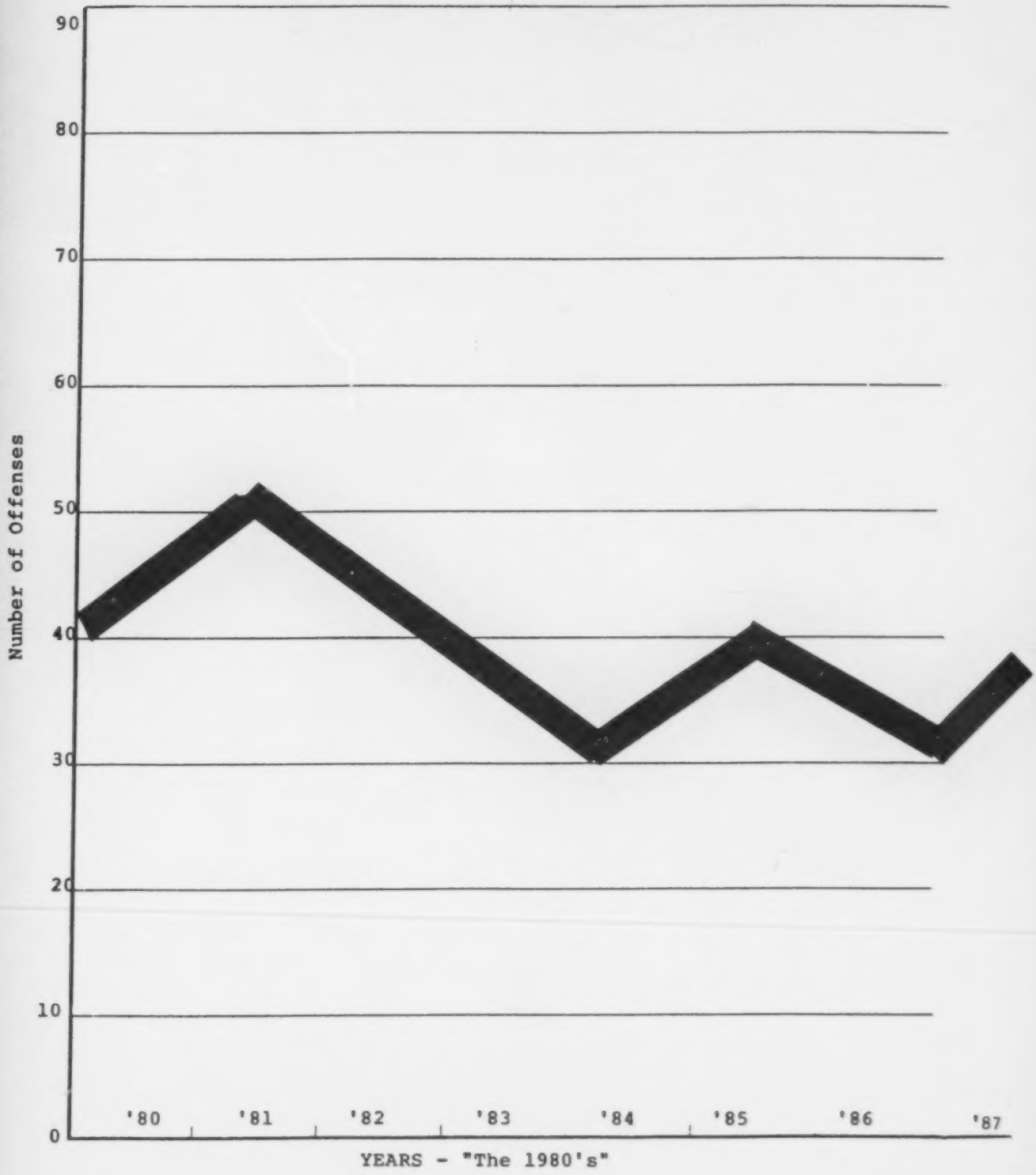

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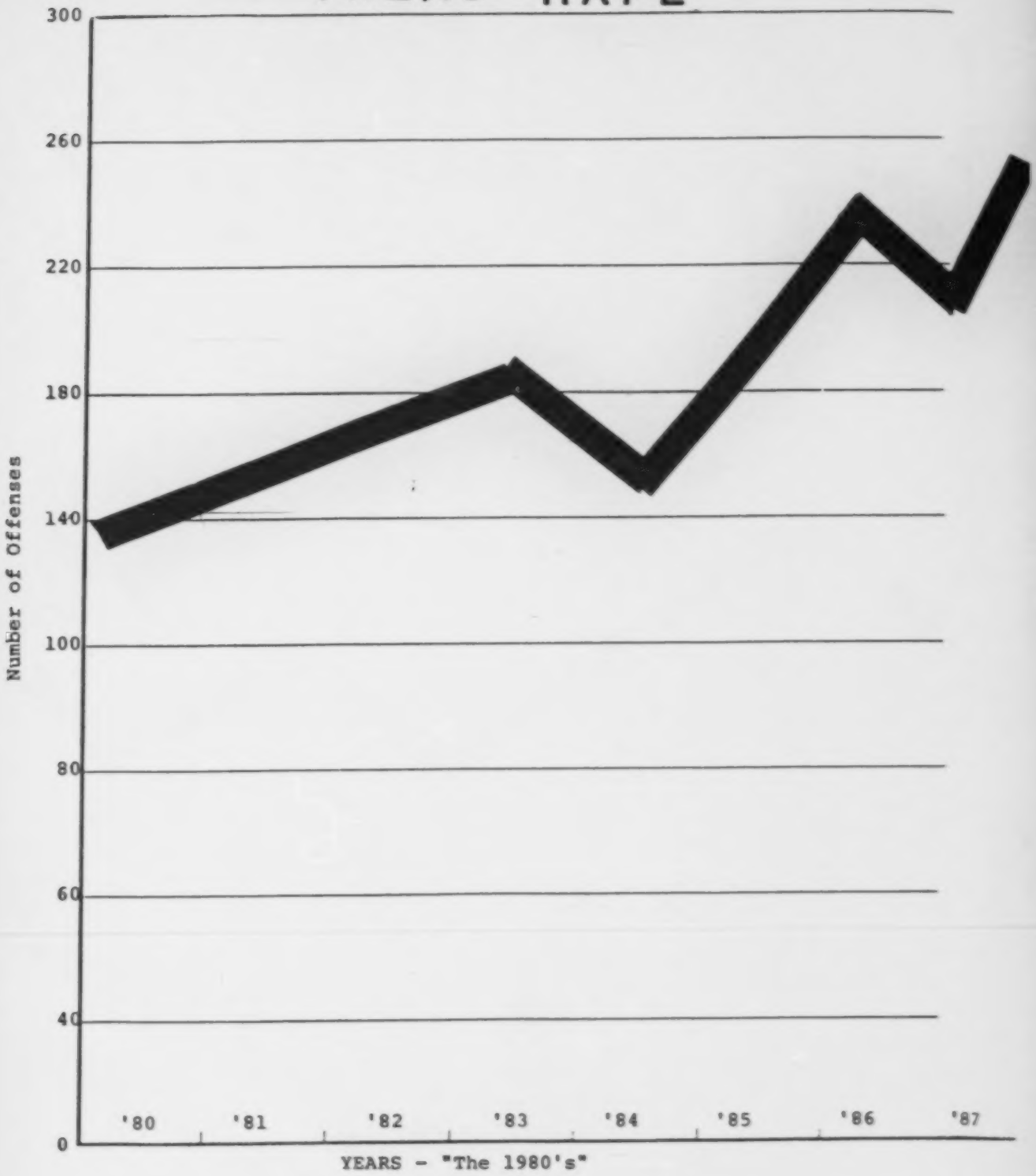
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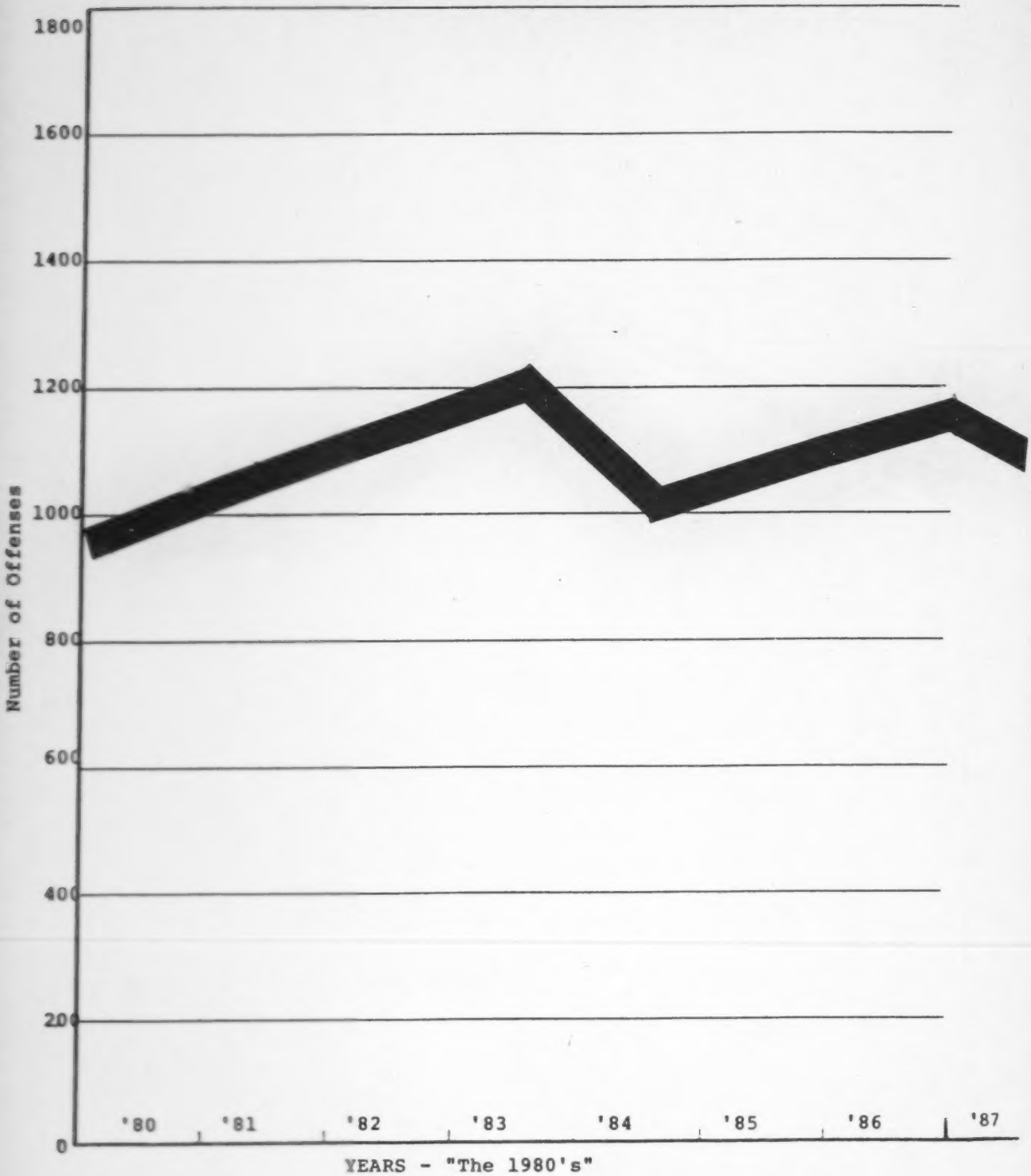

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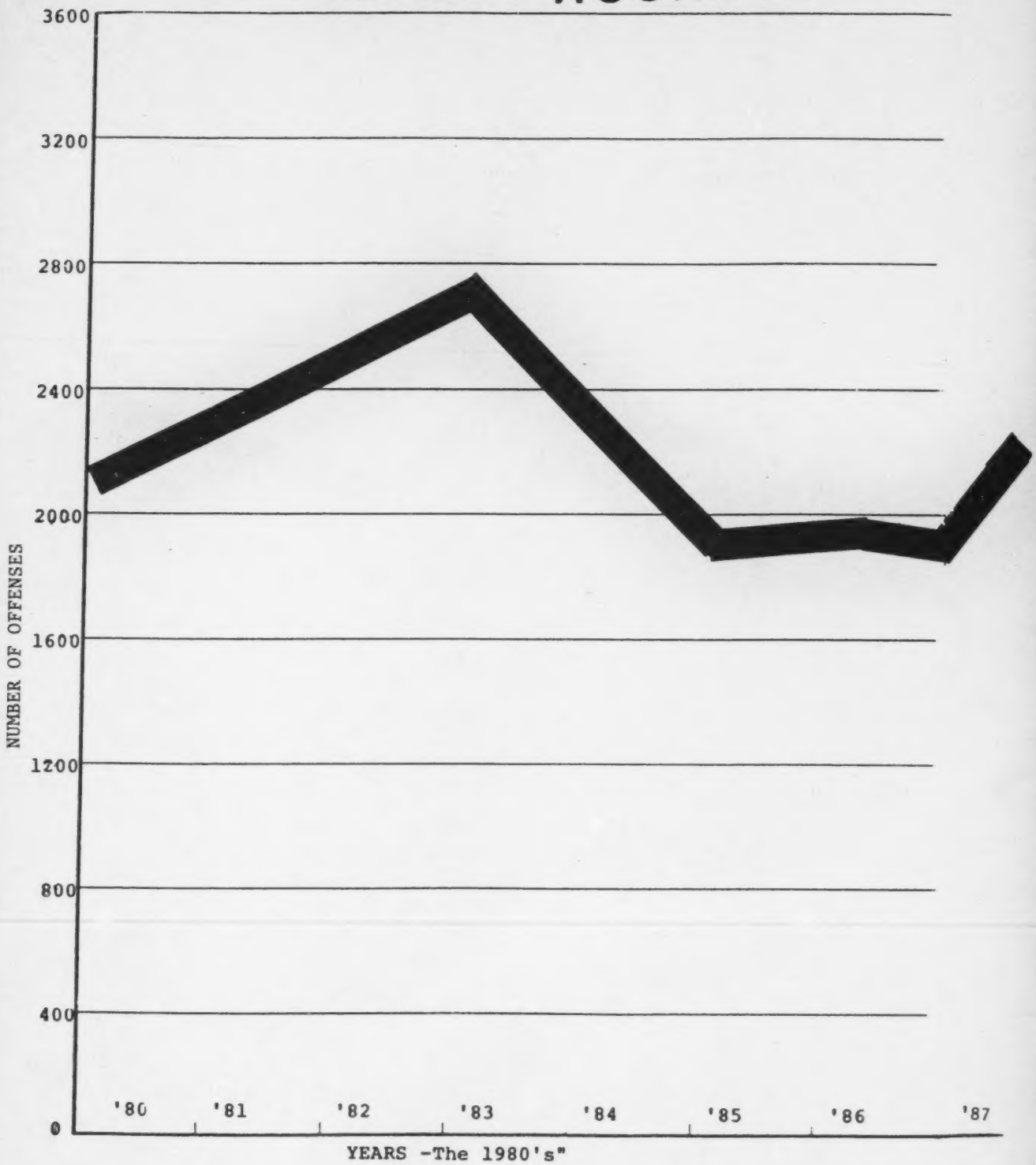

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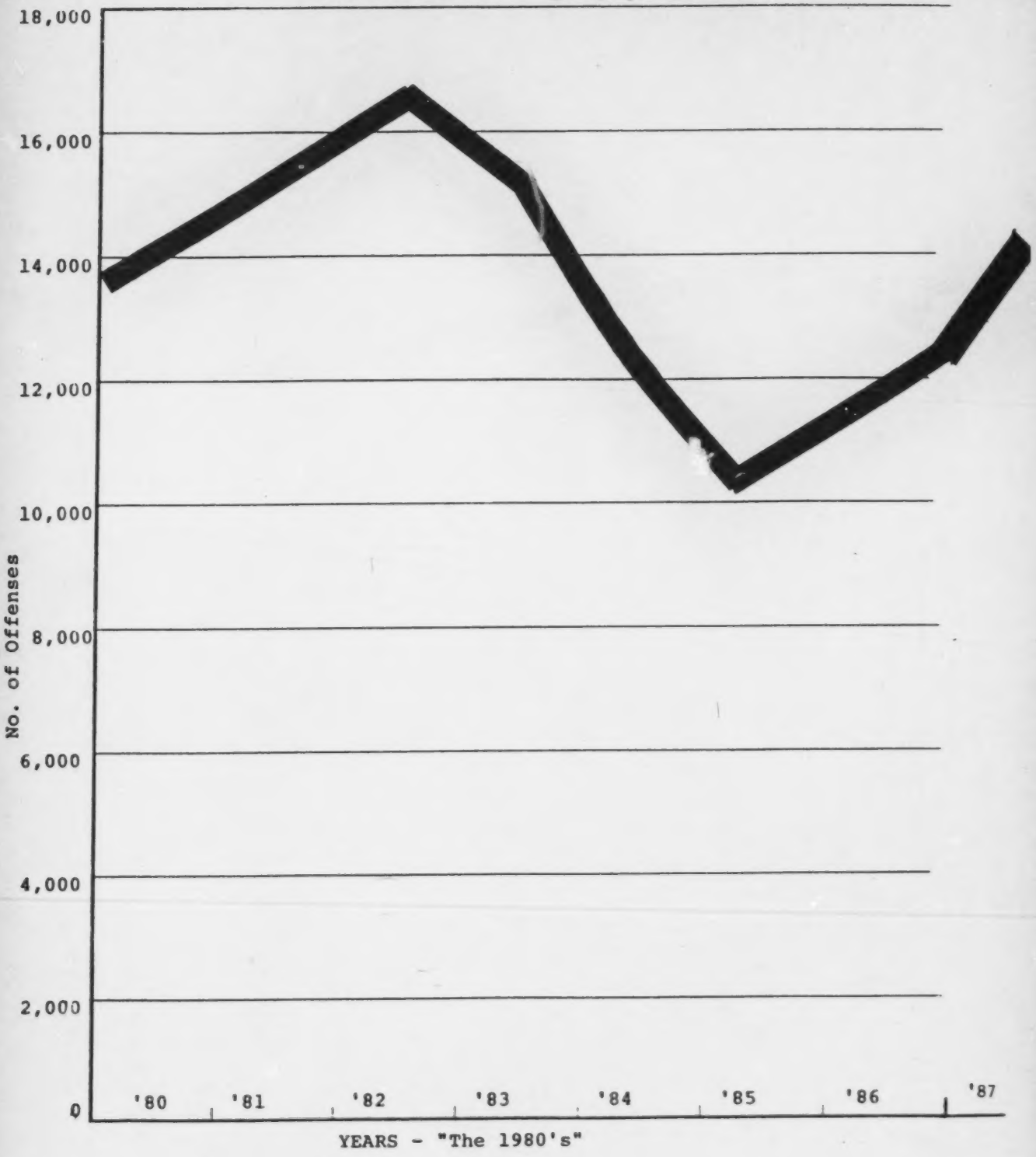

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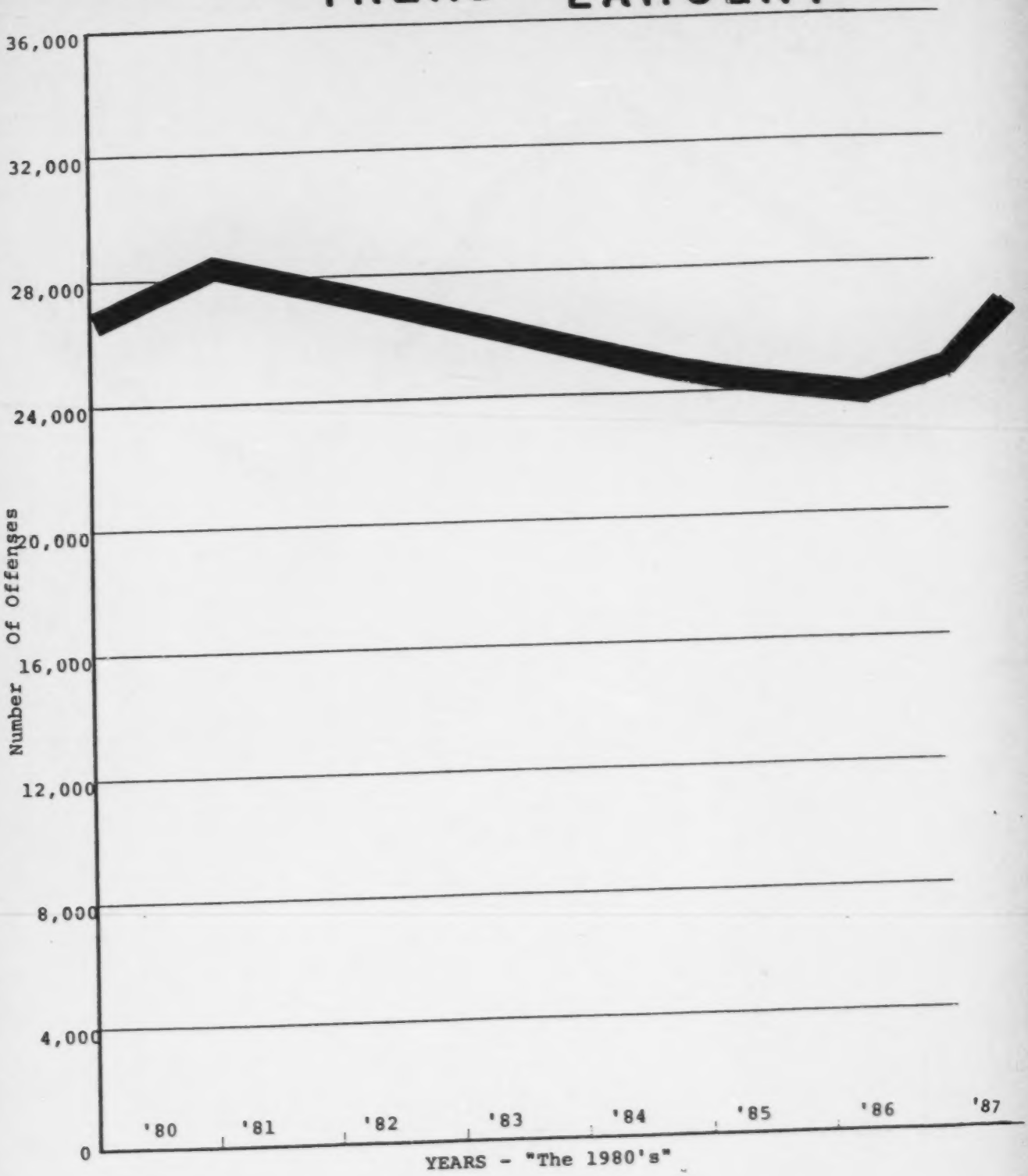

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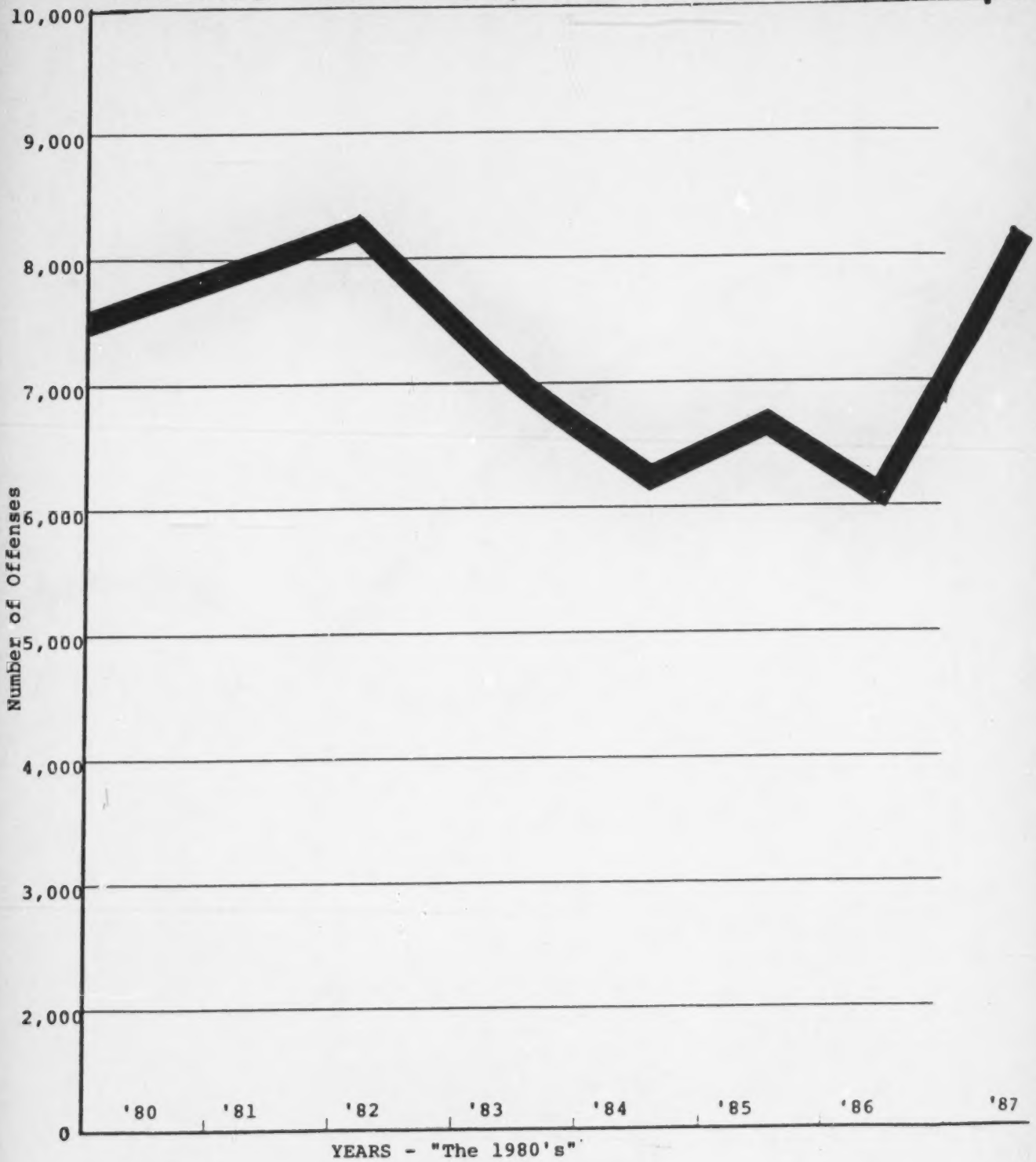

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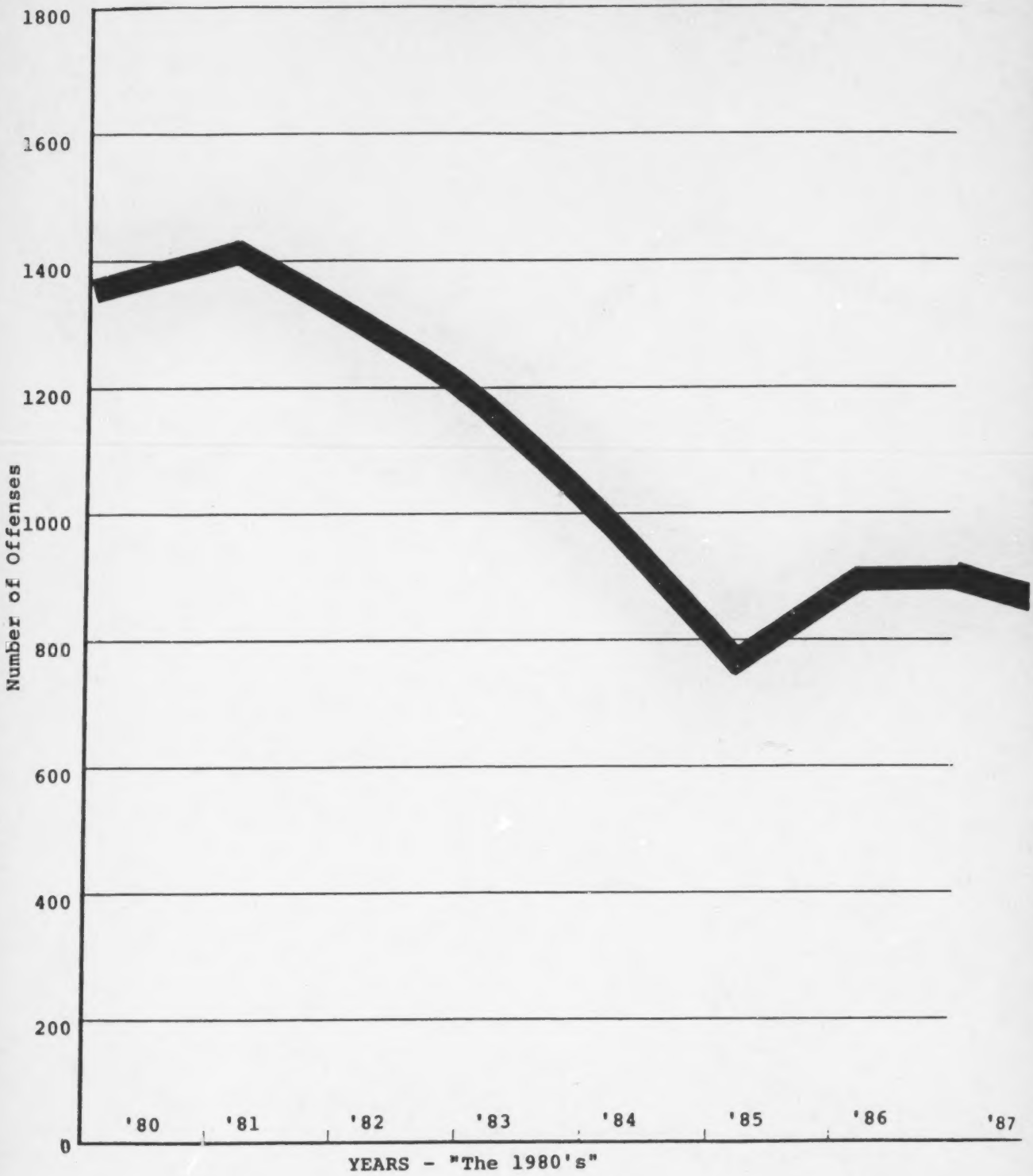
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SECTION III

CRIME RATES

CITIES/TOWNS: 1987 CRIME RATES

TOTAL SERIOUS CRIME RATES
FOR CITIES AND TOWNS IN RHODE ISLAND
PER 100,000 POPULATION*

RANK 87	RANK 86	COMMUNITY	POPULATION	1987 CRIME VOLUME	1987 CRIME RATE *
1	1	New Shoreham 1/	620	192	30,967.7
2	2	Providence	156,804	19,256	12,280.0
3	3	Newport	29,259	2,291	7,830.1
4	5	Warwick	87,123	5,555	6,376.0
5	4	Johnston	24,907	1,414	5,677.1
6	8	Lincoln	16,949	945	5,575.6
7	6	Narragansett	12,088	640	5,294.5
8	7	Pawtucket	71,204	3,294	4,626.1
9	15	North Providence	29,188	1,304	4,467.6
10	9	Cranston	71,992	3,287	4,565.8
11	11	Middletown	17,216	738	4,286.7
12	10	West Greenwich	2,738	114	4,163.6
13	12	West Warwick	27,026	1,091	4,036.9
14	16	North Kingstown	21,938	878	4,002.2
15	14	Woonsocket	45,194	1,744	3,858.9
16	22	Westerly	18,580	707	3,805.2
17	18	Central Falls	16,995	645	3,795.2
18	13	Coventry	27,065	907	3,351.2
19	20	Tiverton	13,526	432	3,193.8
20	17	East Providence	50,980	1,591	3,120.8
21	23	North Smithfield	9,972	296	2,968.3
22	31	Hopkinton	6,406	188	2,934.7
23	30	East Greenwich	10,211	298	2,918.4
24	24	South Kingstown	20,414	587	2,875.5
25	26	Cumberland	27,069	784	2,833.5
26	21	Warren	10,640	288	2,706.8
27	19	Little Compton	3,085	76	2,463.5
28	28	Glocester	7,550	169	2,238.4
29	27	Bristol	20,128	443	2,200.9
30	34	Jamestown	4,040	86	2,128.7
31	25	Foster	3,370	64	1,957.2
32	29	Scituate	8,405	159	1,891.7
33	36	Burrillville	13,164	234	1,777.6
34	33	Barrington	16,174	284	1,755.9
35	37	Smithfield	16,886	282	1,670.0
36	32	Charleston	4,800	79	1,645.8
37	35	Portsmouth	14,259	220	1,542.9

1/ New Shoreham's (Block Island) extraordinarily high serious crime rate--more than several times the rate of any other community--was primarily due to its very small year-round population which, in mathematical terms, can translate a relatively small number of crimes into a misleading high rate. In addition, it is a fact that many of New Shoreham's crimes are committed in the summer when its "unofficial" population is swollen by tourists and summer residents.

HOMICIDE RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1987 Rank	1986 Rank	City/Town	Crime Volume	Crime Rate
1	-	Glocester	2	26.5
2	1	Providence	21	13.4
3	-	Scituate	1	11.9
4	-	North Providence	2	6.9
5	-	Central Falls	1	5.9
6	9	Cranston	3	4.2
7	5	Johnston	1	4.0
8	2	West Warwick	1	3.7
9	7	Newport	1	3.4
10	-	Woonsocket	1	2.2
11	4	Pawtucket	1	1.4
12	10	Warwick	1	1.1
		Total	**36**	**3.8**

RAPE RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1987 Rank	1986 Rank	City/Town	Crime Volume	Crime Rate
1	1	New Shoreham	2	322.6
2	2	Providence	98	62.5
3	7	Middletown	8	46.5
4	10	North Providence	11	37.7
5	8	Warwick	30	34.4
6	4	Newport	10	34.2
7	3	Woonsocket	15	33.2
8	17	Narragansett	4	33.1
9	5	Warren	3	28.2
10	25	Cranston	19	26.4
11	-	East Greenwich	2	19.6
12	11	Smithfield	3	17.8
13	24	Bristol	3	14.9
14	26	West Warwick	4	14.8
15	23	Central Falls	2	11.8
16	16	North Kingstown	2	9.1
17	-	Johnston	2	8.0
18	9	Pawtucket	5	7.0
19	13	Westerly	1	5.4
20	15	South Kingstown	1	4.9
21	18	East Providence	2	3.9
22	20	Coventry	1	3.7
		Total	**228**	**24.1**

ROBBERY RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1987 Rates	1986 Rates	City/Town	Crime Volume	Crime Rate
1	1	Providence	735	468.7
2	2	Newport	35	119.6
3	3	Pawtucket	75	105.3
4	7	Cranston	50	69.5
5	4	Central Falls	11	64.7
6	8	Woonsocket	28	62.0
7	6	Foster	2	59.3
8	20	East Greenwich	6	58.8
9	-	Westerly	8	43.1
10	13	East Providence	21	41.2
11	16	West Warwick	10	37.0
12	26	Smithfield	6	35.5
13	9	Middletown	6	34.9
14	25	North Providence	10	34.3
15	5	Hopkinton	2	31.2
17	23	Tiverton	4	29.6
18	-	Warren	3	28.2
19	11	Warwick	24	27.5
20	13	Coventry	5	18.7
21	29	North Kingstown	4	18.2
22	15	Bristol	3	14.9
23	28	South Kingstown	2	10.0
24	21	Narragansett	1	8.3
25	22	Burrillville	1	7.6
26	19	Cumberland	2	7.4
27	18	Barrington	1	6.2
		Total	**1,063**	**112.2**

ASSAULT RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1987 Rank	1986 Rank	City/Town	Crime Volume	Crime Rate
1	1	Providence	901	574.6
2	8	Warwick	353	405.2
3	2	Pawtucket	183	257.0
4	4	Woonsocket	100	221.3
5	3	Central Falls	37	217.7
6	12	North Kingstown	46	209.7
7	18	Middletown	33	209.1
8	-	Glocester	9	197.8
9	11	Cranston	137	190.3
10	5	Newport	51	174.3
11	15	Bristol	34	168.9
12	13	North Providence	45	154.2
13	9	Johnston	32	128.5
14	6	West Warwick	28	127.1
15	7	North Smithfield	11	110.3
16	30	Scituate	8	95.2
17	24	Warren	10	94.0
18	21	Coventry	22	81.3
19	14	East Providence	38	74.5
20	28	Cumberland	20	73.9
21	22	Barrington	11	68.0
22	-	Foster	2	59.3
23	16	Smithfield	10	59.2
24	10	Narragansett	7	57.9
25	26	Jamestown	2	49.5
26	17	Burrillville	6	45.6
27	23	Tiverton	5	37.0
28	20	West Greenwich	1	36.5
29	19	East Greenwich	7	34.6
30	-	Little Compton	1	32.4
31	29	Hopkinton	2	31.2
32	-	Charlestown	1	20.8
33	25	Westerly	3	16.1
34	27	South Kingstown	3	14.7
35	31	Lincoln	1	5.9
		Total	**2,212**	**233.5**

BURGLARY RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1987 Rank	1986 Rank	City/Town	Crime Volume	Crime Rate
1	1	Providence	5,499	3,506.9
2	2	New Shoreham	20	3,225.8
3	4	Narragansett	209	1,729.0
4	5	West Greenwich	47	1,716.6
5	3	Johnston	413	1,658.2
6	8	Central Falls	269	1,582.8
7	7	Newport	457	1,561.9
8	27	Hopkinton	91	1,420.5
9	6	Pawtucket	967	1,358.1
10	15	North Providence	389	1,332.7
11	4	Narragansett	277	1,262.6
12	16	Woonsocket	554	1,225.8
13	24	North Smithfield	116	1,163.3
14	11	Tiverton	157	1,160.7
15	12	Cranston	904	1,155.7
16	25	Westerly	204	1,098.0
17	14	Warwick	951	1,091.2
18	23	West Warwick	291	1,076.7
19	28	East Greenwich	109	1,067.5
20	35	Burrillville	103	1,032.9
21	20	Lincoln	166	979.4
22	26	Coventry	252	932.8
23	33	South Kingstown	171	837.7
24	29	Bristol	166	824.7
25	17	Middletown	141	819.0
26	31	Jamestown	32	792.1
27	9	Glocester	58	768.2
28	22	East Providence	390	765.0
29	21	Scituate	63	749.6
30	10	Little Compton	20	648.3
31	19	Charlestown	31	645.8
32	18	Foster	21	623.1
33	36	Cumberland	167	616.9
34	32	Smithfield	96	568.5
35	34	Warren	60	563.9
36	30	Portsmouth	60	420.8
		Total	**14,078**	**1,486.3**

LARCENY RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1987 RANK	1986 RANK	CITY/TOWN	CRIME VOLUME	CRIME RATE
1	1	New Shoreham	156	25,161.1
2	2	Newport	1555	5,315.6
3	3	Providence	8,109	5,171.7
4	5	Warwick	3,213	3,688.9
5	9	Lincoln	549	3,239.5
6	4	Narragansett	387	3,202.0
7	12	Johnston	728	2,923.3
8	10	Middletown	503	2,913.2
9	6	West Greenwich	67	2,448.1
10	23	Westerly	448	2,411.8
11	16	North Kingstown	504	2,407.5
12	19	West Warwick	648	2,398.9
13	8	Cranston	1,922	2,391.7
14	14	Pawtucket	1,563	2,195.5
15	7	Coventry	588	2,173.4
16	27	Bristol	223	2,138.8
17	22	North Providence	623	2,134.2
18	13	Cumberland	519	1,917.2
19	17	Woonsocket	852	1,885.4
20	15	South Kingstown	380	1,861.7
21	18	East Providence	948	1,860.8
22	19	Warren	186	1,748.5
23	21	Tiverton	231	1,707.9
24	28	Little Compton	50	1,621.2
25	29	East Greenwich	161	1,576.1
26	26	North Smithfield	145	1,454.1
27	25	Barrington	215	1,329.3
28	34	Central Falls	221	1,300.5
29	32	Hopkinton	83	1,296.8
30	27	Jamestown	50	1,238.6
31	30	Glocester	91	1,205.7
32	24	Foster	36	1,068.4
33	36	Charlestown	46	958.3
34	31	Portsmouth	134	940.1
35	33	Scituate	78	928.7
36	35	Burrillville	104	790.4
37	37	Smithfield	114	675.9
		TOTALS	**26,843**	**2,834.1**

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1987 RANK	1986 RANK	CITY/TOWN	CRIME VOLUME	CRIME RATE
1	2	Providence	3,893	2,483.3
2	1	New Shoreham	14	2,258.7
3	3	Lincoln	229	1,351.9
4	5	Warwick	983	1,128.1
5	4	Johnston	230	923.5
6	9	North Providence	224	767.4
7	8	Pawtucket	500	702.4
8	6	Cranston	452	628.3
9	7	Newport	182	622.7
10	10	Central Falls	104	612.8
11	14	Woonsocket	194	429.6
12	16	West Warwick	109	403.1
13	11	East Providence	192	377.0
14	33	West Greenwich	9	328.2
15	17	Smithfield	53	314.7
16	23	Cumberland	76	281.9
17	15	Narragansett	32	265.7
18	12	Tiverton	35	259.6
19	14	Middletown	44	256.5
20	18	Warren	26	244.2
21	19	North Smithfield	24	241.1
22	22	Westerly	43	231.7
23	21	North Kingstown	45	205.4
24	28	Portsmouth	26	182.5
25	36	Little Compton	5	162.9
26	25	Hopkinton	10	156.7
27	30	Burrillville	20	152.6
28	29	South Kingstown	30	147.9
29	31	East Greenwich	13	127.1
30	32	Glocester	9	119.4
31	26	Scituate	9	107.3
32	20	Foster	3	89.9
33	27	Bristol	14	69.7
34	35	Barrington	9	56.8
35	37	Jamestown	2	50.2
36	34	Charlestown	1	21.3
		Totals	**8,035**	**848.3**

ARSON RATES

PER 100,000 POPULATION

1987 RANK	1986 RANK	CITY/TOWN	CRIME VOLUME	CRIME RATE
1	1	Providence	373	238.7
2	6	Central Falls	33	195.6
3	2	Johnston	41	165.6
4	3	Richmond	6	149.7
5	7	Foster	5	148.9
6	34	Hopkinton	7	109.7
7	25	Newport	31	106.2
8	12	West Warwick	26	96.5
9	9	Scituate	8	95.2
10	35	Barrington	9	90.5
11	8	Cumberland	23	85.4
12	28	North Providence	24	82.9
13	18	Warwick	68	78.3
14	10	Smithfield	13	77.2
15	11	Cranston	54	75.7
16	4	Woonsocket	33	73.4
17	29	West Greenwich	2	73.3
18	17	Pawtucket	49	69.2
19	19	Glocester	5	66.1
20	14	Little Compton	2	65.9
21	22	East Providence	33	65.2
22	5	Jamestown	2	50.3
23	13	Portsmouth	7	49.6
24	31	Lincoln	8	47.3
25	27	Burrillville	6	46.1
26	20	Tiverton	6	44.7
27	33	Charlestown	2	42.6
28	30	Coventry	11	41.5
29	15	North Smithfield	4	40.0
30	16	Westerly	6	32.1
31	24	Bristol	6	30.3
32	23	North Kingstown	6	27.1
33	32	Warren	2	20.5
34	26	East Greenwich	2	20.3
35	36	South Kingstown	4	20.6
36	21	Narragansett	2	17.2
		Totals	**923**	**974.5**

SECTION IV

ARSON DATA

ARSON INCIDENTS* REPORTED 1986 vs. 1987

1986	Total Number Reported
Type	
Suspicious	472
Incendiary	463
TOTALS	935

1987	Total Number Reported
Type	
Suspicious	499
Incendiary	424
TOTALS	923

SUMMARY:

IN 1987, THERE WERE 12 LESS ARSON INCIDENTS REPORTED IN RHODE ISLAND AS COMPARED TO 1986, A 1.3% DECREASE. INCENDIARY, THE MOST SERIOUS TYPE OF ARSON INCIDENT, DECREASED BY 8.5%.

***The word "incident(s)" is interchangeable with the word "offense(s)"**

CASUALTIES CAUSED BY ARSON 1986 AND 1987

INJURIES	1986	1987	NUMBER CHANGE IN 1987
Firefighters	109	92	-17
Civilians	73	66	-7
TOTALS	182	158	-24

DEATHS	1986	1987	NUMBER CHANGE IN 1986
Firefighters	-0-	-0-	No Change
Civilians	-0-	-0-	No Change
TOTALS	-0-	-0-	No Change

SUMMARY:

DURING 1987, *INJURIES DECREASED BY 13.2%* AND NO DEATHS OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF ARSON.

ESTIMATED DOLLAR LOSSES CAUSED BY ARSON 1986 & 1987

1986 LOSSES	ESTIMATED DOLLAR LOSS	AVERAGE COST PER LOSS*
Type Of Property		
Structures	$11,046,235	$20,572
Vehicle	1,385,890	3,303
TOTALS	$12,432,125	$13,296

1986 LOSSES	ESTIMATED DOLLAR LOSS	AVERAGE COST PER LOSS*
Type Of Property		
Structures	$11,536,385	$25,636
Vehicle	1,167,115	2,593
TOTALS	$12,703,500	$13,763

SUMMARY:

$271,375 INCREASE IN LOSSES OR 2% MORE DURING 1987.
THE AVERAGE COST PER ARSON INCIDENT INCREASED BY $533

***Average cost of any arson incident considered serious**

RANK ORDER OF TOP TEN CITIES/TOWNS BY TOTAL # OF REPORTED ARSON INCIDENTS

1987

CITY/TOWN	NUMBER OF ARSON INCIDENTS
Providence	373
Warwick	68
Cranston	54
Pawtucket	49
Johnston	41
Central Falls	33
East Providence	33
Woonsocket	33
Newport	31
West Warwick	26

1986

CITY/TOWN	NUMBER OF ARSON INCIDENTS
Providence	447
Cranston	61
Pawtucket	59
Warwick	50
Johnston	34
Central Falls	32
Woonsocket	28
East Providence	24
North Providence	23
West Warwick	19

RANK ORDER OF TOP TEN CITIES/TOWNS BY TOTAL DOLLAR (ESTIMATED$$) LOSSES

1987

CITY/TOWN	LOSSES CAUSED BY ARSON
Providence	$5,371,250
West Warwick	1,025,000
Cranston	876,070
Warwick	759,800
Woonsocket	672,500
Johnston	612,950
North Kingstown	554,350
Westerly	519,800
Barrington	290,100
Pawtucket	242,905

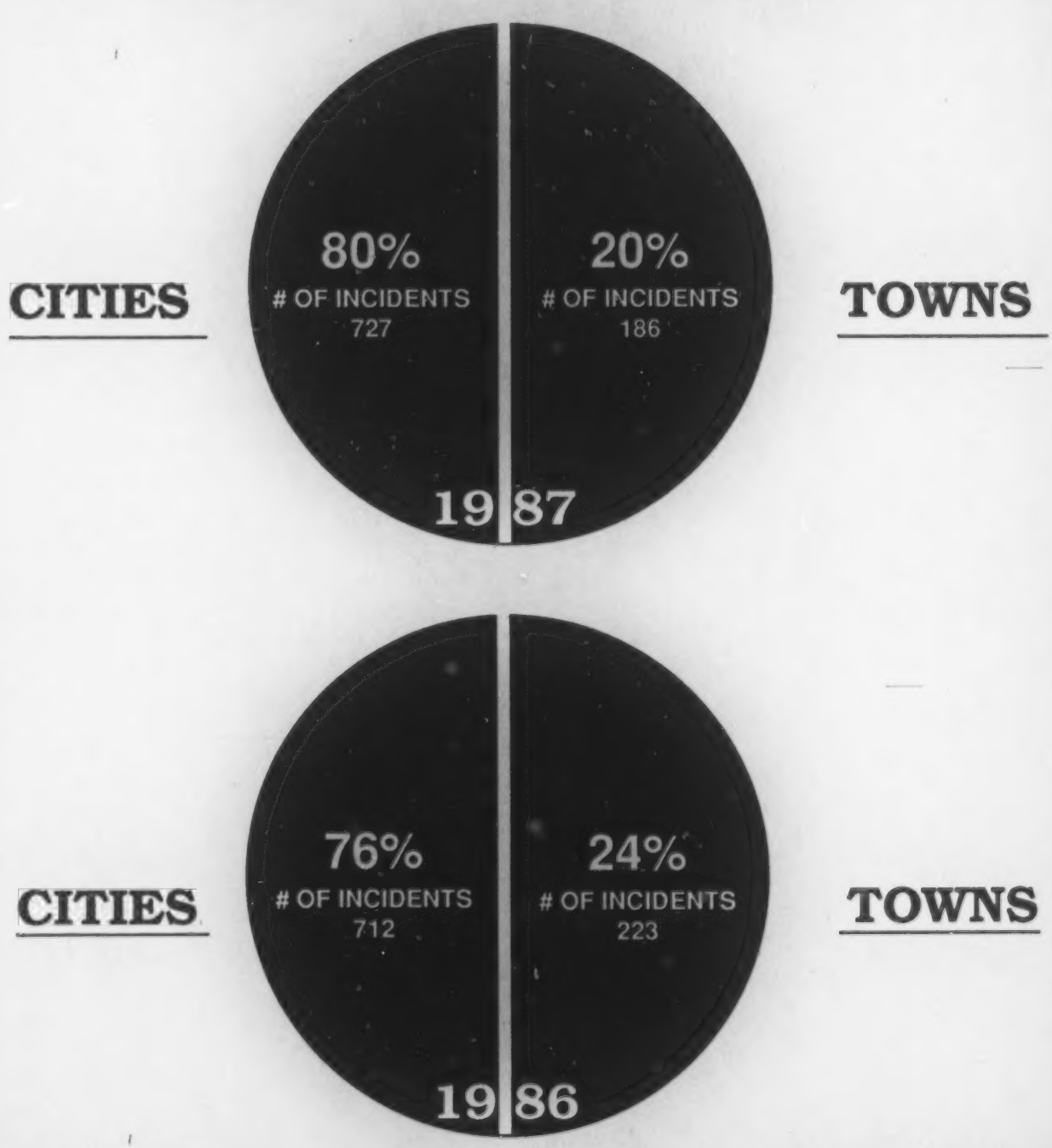
1986

CITY/TOWN	LOSSES CAUSED BY ARSON
Providence	$6,278,205
Smithfield	1,700,800
Newport	512,800
Richmond	422,800
West Warwick	366,950
Pawtucket	348,000
South Kingstown	261,500
East Greenwich	204,200
Cranston	199,010
Burrillville	187,000

EXAMPLES OF THE STATE'S LARGER ARSON LOSSES OCCURRING DURING 1987

CITY/TOWN	DATE	TYPE OF OCCUPANCY	ESTIMATED LOSS
Providence	4/26/87	Old Union Station	$2,750,000
West Warwick	1/7/87	Apartments	750,000
Barrington	2/19/87	Commercial	250,000
Woonsocket	4/7/87	Commercial	200,000
Burrillville	8/4/87	Residence	150,000
Johnston	9/27/87	Commercial	150,000
Woonsocket	3/1/87	Commercial/ Residence	125,000
Cranston	7/10/87	Commercial	100,000
Glocester	8/11/87	Commercial	100,000
Westerly	8/15/87	Commercial	100,000
Pawtucket	7/26/88	Commercial	80,000
Woonsocket	2/8/87	Commercial/ Residence	75,000
Glocester	6/1/87	Residence	75,000
Newport	7/30/87	Commercial/ Residence	75,000
Central Falls	11/6/87	Residence	75,000
Bristol	1/26/87	Commercial/ Residence	70,000
Burrillville	3/23/87	Residence	50,000
East Providence	4/3/87	Commercial	50,000
West Warwick	5/29/87	Residence	50,000
Smithfield	6/9/87	Residence	50,000

DISTRIBUTION OF ARSON INCIDENTS REPORTED IN RHODE ISLAND



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Number of Incidents
-1987-
Reported by Cities & Towns

City/Town	Suspicious	Incendiary	Totals	Breakdown of: Structure	Vehicles
Barrington	5	4	9	8	1
Bristol	2	4	6	4	2
Burrillville	4	2	6	3	3
Central Falls	22	11	33	25	8
Charlestown	0	2	2	1	1
Coventry	6	5	11	6	5
Cranston	33	21	54	30	24
Cumberland	7	16	23	3	20
East Greenwich	2	0	2	1	1
East Providence	17	16	33	12	21
Exeter	2	1	3	1	2
Foster	3	2	5	2	3
Glocester	3	2	5	5	0
Hopkinton	5	2	7	3	4
Jamestown	2	0	2	1	1
Johnston	14	27	41	15	26
Lincoln	3	5	8	7	1
Little Compton	0	2	2	1	1
Middletown	1	0	1	0	1
Narragansett	2	0	2	1	1
Newport	18	13	31	19	12
New Shoreham	0	0	0	0	0
North Kingstown	5	1	6	3	3
North Providence	14	10	24	7	17
North Smithfield	3	1	4	1	3
Pawtucket	44	5	49	28	21
Portsmouth	4	3	7	5	2
Providence	116	207	373	150	223
Richmond	3	3	6	3	3
Scituate	6	2	8	3	5
Smithfield	11	2	13	8	5
South Kingstown	4	0	4	0	5
Tiverton	5	1	6	1	5
Warren	1	1	2	1	1
Warwick	43	25	68	44	24
Westerly	5	1	6	4	2
West Greenwich	2	0	2	2	0
West Warwick	17	9	26	17	9
Woonsocket	15	18	33	23	10
Totals	**499**	**424**	**923**	**449**	**474**

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RHODE ISLAND'S CITIES & TOWNS*

Comparison Profiles: 1986 vs. 1987

	Actual Offenses 1986 vs. 1987		Total %** Increase/(Decrease)
BARRINGTON			
Suspicious - Increased by 1	4	5	
Incendiary - Increased by 1	3	4	
	7	9	+2 28.6%
BRISTOL			
Suspicious - Decreased by 3	5	2	
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	6	4	
	11	6	-5 (45.5%)
BURRILLVILLE			
Suspicous - No Change	4	4	
Incendiary - No Change	2	2	
	6	6	No change No Change
CENTRAL FALLS			
Suspicious - No Change	22	22	
Incendiary - Increased by 1	10	11	
	32	33	+1 3.125%
CHARLESTOWN			
Suspicious - Decreased by 1	1	0	
Incendiary - No Change	2	2	
	3	2	-1 (33.3%)
COVENTRY			
Suspicious - Increased by 5	1	6	
Incendiary - Increased by 3	2	5	
	3	11	+8 266.7%
CRANSTON			
Suspicious - Increased by 12	21	33	
Incendiary - Decreased by 19	40	21	
	61	54	-7 (11.5%)

*LISTED BY ALPHABETICAL ORDER, NOT BY COUNTY
**All percentages rounded

	Actual Offenses			Total %**
CUMBERLAND	**1986**	**vs.**	**1987**	**Increase/(Decrease)**
Suspicious - Increased by 1	6		7	
Incendiary - increased by 3	13		16	
	19		23	+4 21.1%
EAST GREENWICH				
Suspicious - No Change	2		2	
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	2		0	
	4		2	-3 (-60.0%)
EAST PROVIDENCE				
Suspicous - No Change	16		16	
Incendiary - Increased by 9	8		17	
	24		33	+9 37.5%
EXETER				
Suspicious - Increased by 2	0		2	
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	3		1	
	3		3	No Change No Change
FOSTER				
Suspicious -Increased by 3	0		3	
Incendiary - No Change	2		2	
	2		5	+3 150%
GLOCESTER				
Suspicious - Increased by 1	2		3	
Incendiary - No Change	2		2	
	4		5	+1 25%
HOPKINTON				
Suspicious - Increased by 3	2		5	
Incendiary - Increased by 2	0		2	
	2		7	+5 250%
JAMESTOWN				
Suspicious - Increased by 1	1		2	
Incendiary - No Change	0		0	
	1		2	+1 100%

	Actual Offenses			Total %**	
JOHNSTON	1986	vs.	1987	Increase/(Decrease)	
Suspicious - Decreased by 2	16		14		
Incendiary - Increased by 9	18		27		
	34		41	+7	20.6%
LINCOLN					
Suspicious - Increased by 1	0		3		
Incendiary -Increased by 3	2		5		
	2		8	+6	300%
LITTLE COMPTON					
Suspicous - Decreased by 1	1		0		
Incendiary - Increased by 2	0		2		
	1		2	+1	100%
MIDDLETOWN					
Suspicious - Increased by 1	0		1		
Incendiary - No Change	0		0		
	0		1	+1	100%
NARRAGANSETT					
Suspicious - Increased by 1	0		1		
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	3		1		
	3		2	-1	(333.3%)
NEWPORT					
Suspicious - Increased by 12	6		18		
Incendiary - Increased by 8	5		13		
	11		31	+20	181.8%
NEW SHOREHAM					
Suspicious - No Change	0		0		
Incendiary - No Change	0		0		
	0		0	No Change	No Change
NORTH KINGSTOWN					
Suspicious - Decreased by 6	7		1		
Incendiary - Increased by 3	2		5		
	9		6	-3	(33.3%)

	Actual Offenses 1986 vs. 1987			Total %** Increase/(Decrease)
NORTH PROVIDENCE				
Suspicious - Increased by 2	12	14		
Incendiary - Decreased by 1	11	10		
	23	24	+1	4.3%
NORTH SMITHFIELD				
Suspicious - Increased by 3	0	3		
Incendiary - Decreased by 4	5	1		
	5	4	-1	(20.0%)
PAWTUCKET				
Suspicous - Increased by 12	32	44		
Incendiary - Decreased by 22	27	5		
	59	49	-10	(16.9%)
PORTSMOUTH				
Suspicious - Increased by 3	1	4		
Incendiary - Increased by 3	0	3		
	1	7	+6	600%
PROVIDENCE				
Suspicious - Decreased by 49	215	166		
Incendiary - Decreased by 25	232	207		
	447	373	-74	(16.6%)
RICHMOND				
Suspicious - No Change	3	3		
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	5	3		
	8	6	-2	(25.0%)
SCITUATE				
Suspicious - Increased by 2	4	6		
Incendiary - No Change	2	2		
	6	8	+2	33.3%
SMITHFIELD				
Suspicious - No Change	11	11		
Incendiary - No Change	2	2		
	13	13	No Change	No Change

	Actual Offenses			Total %**	
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	**1986**	**vs.**	**1987**	**Increase/(Decrease)**	
Suspicious - Increased by 2	2		4		
Incendiary - Decreased by 2	2		0		
	4		4	No Change	No Change
TIVERTON					
Suspicious - Decreased by 8	13		5		
Incendiary -No Change	1		1		
	14		6	-8	(57.1%)
WARREN					
Suspicous - Decreased by 2	3		1		
Incendiary - Decreased by 1	2		1		
	5		2	-3	(60%)
WARWICK					
Suspicious - Increased by 17	26		43		
Incendiary - Increased by 1	24		25		
	50		68	+18	36.0%
WESTERLY					
Suspicious - Increased by 1	4		5		
Incendiary - Decreased by 1	2		1		
	6		6	No Change	No Change
WEST GREENWICH					
Suspicious - Decreased by 1	1		0		
Incendiary - No Change	2		2		
	3		2	-1	(33.3%)
WEST WARWICK					
Suspicious - Increased by 10	7		17		
Incendiary - Decreased by 3	12		9		
	19		26	+7	36.8%
WOONSOCKET					
Suspicious - Decreased by 6	21		15		
Incendiary - Increased by 11	7		18		
	28		33	+5	17.9%

SECTION V

DEFINITIONS

DEFINITIONS & REPORTING METHODS

A) **DEFINITIONS:**

HOMICIDE - Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, as defined in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, is the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

The classification of this offense, as for all other crime index offenses, is based solely on police investigation as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body. Not included in the count for this offense classification are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident.

RAPE - Rape (Forcible), as defined in the UCR Program, is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; however, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are not included in this category.

ROBBERY - Robbery is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

ASSAULT - Assault (aggravated) is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Attempts are included since it is not necessary that an injury result when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used which could and probably would result in serious personal injury if the crime were successfully completed.

BURGLARY - The UCR Program defines burglary as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. The use of force to gain entry is not required to classify an offense as burglary. Burglary is categorized into three subclassifications: forcible entry, unlawful entry where no force is used, and attempted forcible entry.

LARCENY - Larceny (theft) is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. It includes crimes such as shoplifting, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, thefts from motor vehicles, thefts of motor vehicle parts and accessories, bicycle thefts, etc., in which no use of force, violence, or fraud occurs. In the UCR Program, this crime category does not include embezzlement, "con" games, forgery, and worthless checks.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

- In the UCR Program, motor vehicle theft is defined as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. This definition excludes the taking of a motor vehicle for temporary use by those persons having lawful access.

ARSON - Arson is defined by the UCR Program as any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc..

Only fires determined through investigation to have been willfully or maliciously set are classified as arsons.

ARSON, *continued*

The established criteria/definitions in Rhode Island for incendiary and suspicious acts are as follows:

INCENDIARY - Fires which have been intentionally set; where there is intention to defraud, or where there is intention to conceal for purposes which violate any section of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

SUSPICIOUS - A fire where a definite determination of incendiarism cannot be ascertained, but where there is sufficient reason to believe that the fire may be of incendiary nature.

B) REPORTING METHODS:

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is a city, county, and state law enforcement program. This Program provides a nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. The crime data are submitted either to a state UCR Program or directly to the national UCR Program which is administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On a planned basis, the Governor's Justice Commission collects crime statistical information from the UCR Section of the State Police and the Fire Marshal's Office of the Division of Fire Safety. Both units of government receive monthly offense reports from the respective police and fire departments located throughout the state. It is this information that forms the backbone of this report.

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